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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: SATELLITE GROUND STATION AND MICROWAVE
NETWORK

REF: A) JIDDA 3166, B) STATE 105160, C) DJIBOUTI 631

1. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR HARRIS CORLO TO
SEND ONE OF ITS EMPLOYEES THROUGH DJIBOUTI ENROUTE TO U.S. TO MAKE
CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI OFFICIALS AND OBTAIN
FURTHER DETAILS ON DJIBOUTI'S TELECOMMUNICATION PROJECT PLANS.
THE EMBASSY WOULD FACILITATE CONTACT WITH THE APPROPRIATE
DJIBOUTI OFFICIALS. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF HARRIS REP SPOKE
FRENCH. IN ANY CASE, EMBASSY WILL ASSIST.

2. THE INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED PROJECTS GATHERED TO DATE
LACKS FINE DETAILS AND, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO TENDERS HAVE YET
BEEN LET. THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE TELECON PROJECTS IN THE
FINAL PLANNING STAGES, AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK CONNECTING
DJIBOUTI AND EUROPE VIA INTELSAT, A SECOND INTERNATIONAL BUT
REGIONAL NETWORK LINKING FIVE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND AN
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INTERNAL NETWORK LINKING SEVERAL TOWNS IN DJIBOUTI. FINANCING
FOR SOME OF THESE PROJECTS WILL COME FROM SAUDI ARABIAN GRANT
(SEE REFTEL C) WHILE OTHERS MIGHT BE FINANCED BY THE FRENCH
OR THE WORLD BANK.

3. OUR INFORMATION INDICATES A CERTAIN FRENCH COMMERCIAL
RELUCTANCE TO TAKE ON THESE PROJECTS AT THIS TIME. THIS IS

NOT EXPLAINED BZ OUR SOURCES, OTHER THAN CERTAIN REFLECTIONS

ON VERY HIGH COST EUROPEAN EQUIPMENT SO FAR OFFERED. CENTER OF

DECISIONS ON TELECON INVESTMENTS NOW RESIDING BETWEEN MINISTER
OF INTERIOR MOUMIN BAHDON, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF P.T.TO BOARD
OF DIRECTORS AND DJIBOUTI POST OFFICE DIRECTOR, MR. CHIRDON.
WE WOULD LIKE TO RUN HARRIS REP BY THESE TWO KEY FIGURES AND TO
TAVE MEETING WITT PRIME MINISTER WHO WILL BE ABSENT FROM COUNTRY
BETWEEN 10-15 AND 22-30 MAY.

4. ADVISE HARRIS REP TRAVEL.
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